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Richard F. Daines, M.D. *Commissioner*

James W. Clyne, Jr. Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Dear Colleague:

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support a multi-component Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) initiative. The initiative integrates two current programs, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Services (APPS) and Community Based Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CBAPP), into a single comprehensive community-based adolescent sexual health initiative. **Component A, Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) community-based initiative**, is focused on the prevention of pregnancy and promotion of sexual health among male and female adolescents age 10 to 21 years of age, including pregnant and parenting, with a focus on high risk and disconnected youth served through local community projects. The initiative seeks to narrow the gap in health disparities related to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status and geography.

Addressing adolescent sexual health care needs by increasing provider's capacity and access to quality reproductive and sexual health care services is a public health priority. **Component B, Improving Community Health Care Services for Adolescents**, with total annual funding of \$300,000, will expand NYSDOH's capacity to improve the quality of sexual health care services provided to adolescents across New York State. This will be achieved by providing professional educational opportunities and resources for community health care providers including physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants statewide who serve adolescents.

The Request for Applications (RFA) outlines the eligibility requirements, scope of work, funding available, application requirements, time frames and guidelines. Successful applicants must have the capacity, competence and experience to meet the requirements of the RFA as well as the ability to provide the services. Funding is available on a competitive basis. This solicitation is available to the public through the NYS DOH website at http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding. PLEASE NOTE: ALL PROPOSALS ARE DUE TO BE RECEIVED AT THE NYSDOH BY 5:00 PM ON OCTOBER 29, 2010. If you have questions or require additional information about the application process, please direct those to Carolyn Perry, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health at capp@health.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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